



Update Sunnyvale

News From Your City Manager

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Which Council District map do you prefer?

Sunnyvale could be changing to a district-based election system if a ballot measure in March 2020 succeeds. After seeking extensive input from the community about the number of districts and how to select the mayor, the City Council decided to place a ballot measure for six Council districts and a directly-elected, at-large mayor on the March 2020 election. Over the summer, the City launched a community-driven map drawing process to determine the six Council district boundaries for Sunnyvale elections in November 2020 (should the ballot measure succeed). A total of 26 community maps were submitted for consideration and Council has narrowed the options to four maps. Your input will help the City Council select a final map. Take this short [District Elections survey](#) to see the preferred maps, tell us what you like or don't like about them, and pick which ones you'd support. Please submit your responses by Friday, November 1. For questions and more information, visit SunnyvaleElections.org.



Census 2020 Grants Available

Apply for a City grant to help raise awareness and educate the community about the importance of Census 2020. The census will be primarily online for the first time, with potential risk of an inaccurately low count. California is the hardest-to-count state in the nation. Three out of four residents belong to groups that often aren't counted. Your help is needed. [Find out why Census 2020 is important](#) (for the grant details and application click on the Grants tab).



Library Art Contest

Are you an artist? Help us redesign the Friends of the Sunnyvale Library tote! Create an original piece of art illustrating "what about the library makes you smile." One adult and one youth winner will have their artwork printed on canvas bags and sold by the Friends of the Sunnyvale Public Library. Additional winners from each age group will have their work framed and temporarily displayed in the Library. Learn more about the [Library Art Contest](#).



Public Safety Power Shutoff

On Oct. 19, PG&E began proactively shutting off approximately 738,000 customers' power ahead of projected high winds that were expected later that morning. The shutoff affected customers in 34 counties, including an estimated 38,000 customers in Santa Clara County. The City of Sunnyvale planned for the event and was prepared for a public safety power shutoff in our community. Plans included sheltering, traffic signal outages, communications, and activation of our emergency operations center. Sunnyvale Office of Emergency Services (OES) monitored developments throughout the event with no known impacts to our city. For information on how you can prepare for a public safety power shutoff, visit <https://prepareforpowerdown.com/> or for information on Sunnyvale Office of Emergency Services contact Lieutenant Elizabeth DiGiovanna at edigiovanna@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

Stay safe. Take action.

The threat of extreme weather and wildfires continues to grow. Create and practice a safety plan to protect you, your family and your property.

 Update your contact information Visit pge.com/mywildfirealerts or call us at 1-866-743-6589.	 Build or restock your emergency supply kit Stock supplies to last a week: <ul style="list-style-type: none">FlashlightsFresh batteriesFirst aid suppliesFoodWaterCash
 Talk with your doctor and plan for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">medications that need refrigerationmedical devices that require powermobility needs	 Consider staying with a friend or relative during an outage
 Develop and update a hard copy emergency contact list	 Ensure any backup generators are ready to safely operate Visit pge.com/generatorsafety for tips
 Practice manually opening your garage door	

Safe Drinking Water

Every three years, Sunnyvale is required under State and Federal regulations to test for lead and copper in drinking water. Samples are taken from homes built between 1982 and 1988 that have pipes with copper and lead solder. Sampling must be collected during the warmest months when the possibility of corrosion is at the highest risk. Questionnaires were sent to approximately 150 homes qualified to participate in the lead and copper monitoring, 69 residences volunteered to participate with the sampling process completed in August.

The results confirm that Sunnyvale continues to be below the State's action levels for lead and copper drinking water regulations. In the samples collected, lead was not detected and copper was found to be equal to 0.18 parts per million (ppm), which is well below the State's action levels of 0.015 ppm for lead and 1.30 ppm for copper. For more information please contact Kevin Woodworth, Water Distribution Supervisor, at kwoodworth@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

Tree Walks in Sunnyvale

City of Sunnyvale staff have been working with Sunnyvale Urban Forest Advocates (SUFA) in conducting tree walks at the Civic Center and various parks. SUFA has promoted tree walks as an outreach service to Sunnyvale residents since 2015 and is expanding the tree walk program to include self-guided tree walks. SUFA has worked with Parks staff in identifying the trees at the Civic Center, Washington Park, Ortega Park and Ponderosa Park as well as creating maps identifying the locations of various tree species. The [tree walk maps](#) are available on the SUFA website.



City Arborist, Joe Gonsalves at Ponderosa Park



Tree Walk at the Civic Center

2019 Firefighters' Pancake Breakfast

On Saturday, Oct. 12, Sunnyvale hosted the annual Firefighters Pancake Breakfast at Fire Station #2. This community outreach event drew nearly 700 children and their families from Sunnyvale and neighboring cities. Attendees enjoyed the festival-like event that included safety information booths such as Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Sunnyvale Emergency Radio Services (SARES), Crime Prevention and Fire Prevention and fun activities such as fire tower tours and fire engine rides. There was even a special appearance by Sparky the Fire Dog.

Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety personnel staffed the griddles preparing pancakes and sausages and in less than three hours raised \$6,300 for the [Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation](#)! Members of the Fremont and High School Key Clubs also provided volunteers to help make the event a huge success.



Suspect Arrested in Arson Case

On Oct. 8, Sunnyvale resident, Seth Vikas, was arrested for setting multiple fires in the Morse Park Neighborhood of Sunnyvale. On Sept. 10, 2019, Vikas entered the porches of nine townhomes in the area setting small objects on fire. Additionally, Vikas set the contents of a nearby dumpster on fire. Sunnyvale community members helped identify Vikas after a [home security video was released to the public](#) on Oct. 7, 2019. Vikas was booked into the Santa Clara County Jail on ten counts of Arson, 451(d)PC. For additional information please contact Captain Ava Fanucchi at afanucchi@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

Allied Agency Traffic Enforcement

On Sept. 25, in an effort to reduce pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle collisions, nine law enforcement agencies from Santa Clara County joined Sunnyvale DPS for a directed traffic enforcement operation in the City of Sunnyvale. The operation focused on high complaint locations and schools. In total, more than 150 citations were issued to drivers for unsafe driving behaviors. Santa Clara County agencies collaborate every month to assist each other in these directed enforcement operations. For more information contact the Division of Traffic Safety at 408-730-7109.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Marigold Series – Diwali and Day of the Dead Events

Join us for these upcoming Diwali and Day of the Dead Events. All ages are welcome.

Diwali – Festival of Lights

Saturday, Oct. 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sunnyvale Senior Center, Orchard Pavilion
550 E. Remington Dr.

- Live music and festive dancers
- Arts and crafts
- Henna



Día de los Muertos Celebration

Wednesday, Oct. 23 from 4 to 6 p.m.
San Miguel Elementary School, Multipurpose Room
777 San Miguel Ave.

- Special performance by local Aztec dancers
- Presentation about the customs and traditions
- Arts and crafts
- Face painting

[Learn more about the Marigold Series.](#)

[Housing Strategy Open House: Sunnyvale Housing Needs and Potential Tools](#)

Join us for our next Housing Strategy Community Meeting on Thursday, Oct. 24 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Sunnyvale Community Center, Community Room, 550 E. Remington Dr. (ADA accessible).

This drop-in Housing Strategy open house will provide information and findings from the current analysis of Sunnyvale's housing needs and invite community input regarding potential tools for addressing those needs. Please join us at the date and location listed below.

For more information, contact the Housing Division at Housing@sunnyvale.ca.gov or 408-730-7250.

[Family Fall Fest 2019](#)

Join us Saturday, Oct. 26 from 2 to 5 p.m. at Columbia Neighborhood Center, 785 Morse Ave., to celebrate fall! Kid-friendly costumes and treat bags encouraged. The free family event will feature a variety of fun:

- Fall Carnival (2 to 4 p.m.) with children's activities, crafts and face painting
- Mini-pumpkin patch
- Halloween safety tips
- Costume parade (4 to 4:30 p.m.)
- Live music (4:30 to 5 p.m.) performed by Purple Fox and the Heebie Jeebies, featuring songs from their new album, Something's Brewing...It's Halloween!



[Learn more about Family Fall Fest 2019.](#)

[Register Today: Veggie Rx Program \(Free and available in Spanish\)](#)

Thinking about eating better for a healthier lifestyle? Join Veggie Rx to track your health metrics, gain hands-on cooking skills and obtain vouchers to purchase fruits and vegetables at the farmer's market. The average family of four receives \$400, depending on income.



Classes are taught in Spanish and held at Columbia Middle School Staff Room, 739 Morse Ave. Join us every other Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m. beginning on Nov. 5. The classes are free and facilitated by Fresh Approach. Call to reserve your spot, 925-771-2990.